

CapX2020 COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

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We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? Unable

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☐ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☐ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

We own land on an alternate route - Proposal is to build a second line next to present line - Replacing the present line with a double line would be more acceptable

Hampton • Rochester • La Crosse 345kV Transmission Project

I-247-001

Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

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If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☒ Agriculture ☐ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

Our farmland is zoned agriculture ag II. A second time has the following problems.
1- additional obstacles to farm around. Requires more time to farm around, more overlaps and constant fear of hitting poles and potential repair time + cost.
2- Greater restriction to aerial applications of chemicals, which is becoming more common.
3- Potential subtraction on farmland zoned to remain farmland.

Property in Town of Gale Sec. 36 T19N R8W

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

Prime farmland - because it's my livelihood.

I-247-002

I-247-003

I-247-004

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Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-247-003

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts resulting from construction, operation, and maintenance of the transmission line will be addressed in resource sections throughout the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-247-004

Your letter/comment card has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line. Potential impacts to agricultural resources will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement which will be available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I did not attend but did read the material.

I-247-005

My question was why put a second line beside the present instead of replacing with one new line - I didn't see any good explanation of that.

I-247-006

Another question is why isn't Interstate highway right-of-way used for ~~transmission~~ transmission lines?

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-247-005

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-247-006

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